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Holiday Festivities

Christmas Tree Lighting

The Town had an awe inspiring Christmas tree that was quite the expected showcase this year. At nearly 35 feet, the blue spruce was displayed on the Barter Green this year for everyone to enjoy and admire. Despite inclement weather for the tree lighting, the hundreds in attendance this year were treated to wonderful Christmas carols by the Watauga Elementary choir and a Coomes Center trio of Jennifer Johnson, Debbie Richardson and Danny Plummer. After a countdown led by Mayor, Lois Humphreys, Mayor-Elect Ed Morgan, Miss Washington County, and Santa, the tree was lit and the Town officially kicked off the holiday season. Following the tree lighting, everyone enjoyed hot cocoa and cookies to wrap up the evening's event.



Christmas Craft Show 2009

The Christmas Craft Show has been a mainstay here at the Coomes Center since it opened in 1994. The show had another huge success this year. It began with a Christmas spirit inspiring snowfall of 5 inches followed by 3 days of good old fashioned homemade arts and crafts. For entry to the show we asked for non perishable food items. With an excellent attendance we raised over 2000 pounds of food which was donated to the Second Harvest Food Bank here in Abingdon.



From the "Upper Deck"



While most people may think that winter brings a slow-down in the workload, believe me when I say, that the last few months have been very busy around Town with the Town staff logging countless hours preparing for the Holidays and coordinating downtown events. Our Horticulture Department and Public Works Department spent the early part of November getting the Town ready for Christmas, and according to the majority of comments I have received from the public, they really outdid themselves this year. Abingdon looked very festive and ready for Christmas as the Town's decorations went up and most of the storefronts were decorated prior to the annual Kiwanis Christmas parade. As you probably know, the Kiwanis Club undertook a few changes to the parade this year, such as being more selective on the entrants and by lessening its duration. Despite the changes, the parade, as always, was a great way to kick-off the holiday season.

The Town held its annual Community Christmas Tree lighting on December 4th on the Barter Green.

Despite the bad weather, there was a tremendous turnout to celebrate this event. The tree was a lovely focal point among the beautiful lights and decorations throughout Town. If you have not attended a tree lighting in the past, I encourage you to attend in 2009.

I want to also commend Abingdon's Main Street group for their *Mingle and Jingle* event. During this event, the downtown merchants kept their stores open into the evening for some extra Christmas shopping time prior to the formal lighting of the Community Christmas Tree. Our Main Street group is currently working hard to recruit new members to the organization, so I encourage residents to become a member and support this worthwhile organization. If interested, please contact Elizabeth Iskra, Main Street Director, at 698-5667 or download a membership form from the Town's website (www.abingdon.com).

The month of December also brought a change in our Town Council structure. In that regard, I want to give my heartfelt thanks to our outgoing Mayor, Lois Humphreys who has served as Abingdon's Mayor for the past 10 years. Mayor Humphreys has now stepped down as Mayor but is remaining on as a council member. All of the Town staff and I salute her for her valuable leadership and service to the Town. I also want to welcome our incoming Mayor, Ed Morgan, who chaired his first council meeting on January 5th. Mr. Morgan has served on the Council for 8 years and is very passionate about preserving Abingdon's history while bringing Abingdon forward with our Go Green efforts and tourism promotion. Ed has been a strong advocate during his tenure on the Council for many important and worthwhile community projects and causes.

Depot Square continues to evolve as we have now added the caboose from Norfolk Southern to the landscape. It was a monumental feat to put this caboose in its place in the Square but our Public Works and Parks and Recreation Departments did a fantastic job coordinating the effort. Now the work begins to restore the caboose and make it a beautiful attraction to the downtown area. Soon many local train buff volunteers and Town staff will undertake this restoration effort. Be on the lookout for events happening in the spring at the Square.

And now for more big news from the Town Council . . . The Council meetings have gone "Live" on the web! The meetings will now be broadcast live over the internet on the Town website at www.abingdon.com. If you cannot attend the meeting in person, you can view it live on the website at the time the meeting is going on or, you can check in anytime during the month and view the recorded video of the meeting. We might not be as exciting as "CSI" or "House" but we broadcast live so bear with us, as we get no retakes. ***"Live from Abingdon, on Monday Night. It's the Abingdon Town Council meeting, featuring Mayor Ed Morgan and the rest of the Abingdon Town Council and Town of Abingdon staff, along with many local and visiting guests."*** This being new technology, it will likely have technical glitches at first, so please be patient as we learn as we go.

In closing, let me remind everyone that the Music Events season will be gearing up in April. Our Music Events Committee and staff have been working hard to schedule several acts to perform at the Farmers Market, Latture Field, the Main Street Park and the Coomes Recreation Center. We hope to have a schedule ready and on the website soon, so please check us out at www.abingdon.com for all the latest happenings in town. And remember, **Be There!**

Until next time, from the "Upper Deck", I wish you all the best for a peaceful and prosperous New Year.

Very truly yours,

Sleepy Hollow 2008

If you did not attend Sleepy Hollow this year, you missed a great event. By popular demand, Sleepy Hollow Halloween was moved back out on to Main Street. The event's headlining band this year was Benny Wilson. There were eleven activity booths provided by local non-profit groups from the Boys and Girls Club to the PTSA at Abingdon High School. And with various activities to participate in, the youth could play games, win prizes, and play on inflatable slides. The ever popular hay

ride was back through the Sinking Springs Cemetery where party goers were entertained with eerie lights, sounds and haunts at every turn.



This event would not be a success without all of the effort and hard work by the Town's employees. We would like to say thank you again to all those who were involved. Remember, Sleepy Hollow is an event for everyone, not just the kids, so make plans now to attend for next year!

People You Should Know

Mike Maiden

Mr. Maiden was born and raised in Saltville Virginia and continue to live there to be near his family. He had his life planned out when he graduated from R.B. Worth High School in May 1972 but as everyone knows life never goes as planned. Mr. Maidens' plan was to forgo the Forestry Degree program at VA Tech that his dad had in mind for him and to get a computer programming diploma in order to marry his high school sweetheart and start a family. This is the path he took and in November he and Debbie were married without their parents knowledge and in the fall of the next year Mike received his diploma.



Mr. Maiden finished the computer programming degree and returned to Saltville to find a job. After months of searching for a job in his field, which was basically non-existent in Southwest Virginia, Mike was forced to take any job to support his new bride. His father found him a job as a wastewater operator in Saltville that paid a whopping \$2.35 per hour which he reluctantly took. Much to his surprise it was evident from the beginning this was his calling and led to a 34+ year career. This is the only real job that he ever had and has given him a sense of accomplishment every day. Mr. Maiden can truly say that he loves his job and his employer. The Town of Abingdon and the people he has worked under over the last 31 years make his job easy.

Mike's greatest accomplishment in life is his on-going relationship with Christ and the work he does in his church. The second greatest accomplishment is being married 36 years to his wife Debbie and his two sons Vince and Adam and his new grandson Xander.

Garrett Jackson

Mr. Jackson was born and raised in Abingdon, where his family has lived since the 1770s. His grandfather, great-grandfather and great-great grandfather built many of the buildings he is charged with protecting today. In his role as Director of Planning, Garrett is responsible for planning, research, and administrative work in directing the activities of the Planning Department to ensure the orderly growth and efficient administration of municipal resources, developing and managing current and long-range planning programs, and advising Town officials and various governmental and advisory boards in matters pertaining to physical, social, economic, transportation, preservation and environmental planning and zoning issues. In addition, Garrett initiated the idea of a town newsletter in 2006 and has served as an editor since the first publication in 2007.

A graduate of Abingdon High, he received a B.A. in Geography-Planning and Policy from Emory and Henry College. In 2004, he received a Graduate Certificate from Ohio State in Urban and Regional Planning and is currently working on a Master's Degree in Public Administration and is a Virginia Certified Zoning Administrator. Garrett has been employed with the Town since 2003, when he was hired as the Assistant Town Planner, being named the Director of Planning in 2005. Prior to his employment with the Town, he worked for the Mount Rogers Planning District Commission for 5 years, serving as a regional planner and in a zoning administration and town management role in Damascus, VA.



Garrett serves in the U.S. Navy Reserve and on the Veteran's Memorial Park Board of Directors, the Executive Board of the United Way of Washington County, the Executive Board of the Virginia Creeper Trail Club as well we on other various boards and clubs in the community. He enjoys traveling, history and reading. Garrett and his wife Zoe, who also grew up in Abingdon, live in Washington County with their daughters Grace, Abigail and Josie.

“Thank you” from Them to Us

For me it all started five years ago when I had an e-mail which had been redirected via my added a comment ‘interesting accommodation in Abingdon, ley@abingdon.com. Within hosting a barbecue for the Town ingdon, Virginia, who regaled us the Barter Theatre and life in knew we wanted to visit. A couple celebrated it’s 450th charter and Garrett Jackson to the celebrations, strengthening the civic connections.



years ago when I had an e-mail which brother in New Zealand who had address’. It was a request for holiday England and the address was albrad- months Howard and I found ourselves Planner and the Congressman of Ab- with stories of the Mary Washington, general. By the end of the evening we ple of years later Abingdon, England invited Mayor Lois Humphreys and

At this stage connections between the two towns were very much with the civic side. Then in November 2007 Abingdon and District Twin Towns Society (ADTTS) hosted a twinning conference in the town for their five twin towns in Europe and tentatively forwarded an invitation to Garrett (Jackson) in Virginia. We were absolutely delighted when he confirmed that he would come. There was huge interest in Garrett’s excellent presentation of your town and afterwards when we talked we felt sure that there were lots of people who would be interested in a visit to our sister town. Garrett wondered if we could get twelve to make the trip, I suggested 20 but asked casually what he would think if there were 40? Garrett just laughed! As most of you now know, at the end of September 45 people left Heathrow Airport, London for Washington DC and your fantastic Skyline Drive and Blue Ridge Parkway, arrived in Abingdon, Virginia to a wonderfully warm welcome, one I think we will always be able to picture.

We were a mixed group. One couple had lived in the States for a year, several of us had visited different parts, but for many it was their very first trip, a big responsibility for the hosts. We were completely charmed by Abingdon. How could we not be? Your town is so pretty with plenty of space, wooden homes and rocking chairs on the porch. We could walk safely and many people don’t even lock their doors. This was certainly not the America the first timers thought they would be coming to. Most of our group were hosted in homes, a huge privilege for us all. Those that didn’t stay with families were in the Martha Washington and loved that experience. Howard and I were interested to visit the Barter Theatre that Rick (Boucher) had talked about so much. We were not quite sure how much a group of older men would enjoy *Beauty and the Beast* but were too polite to question it when it appeared on our program. Thank goodness we didn’t. Everyone was thrilled by the performance. But a trip to the Barter Theatre was only one of the many, many special things put on for us or included us and everyone has their own highlights.

We all loved being mini celebrities, with many people being stopped in the street and asked if they were from Abingdon, England. Every one of us felt very special because all the people of Abingdon, Virginia were so kind to us. It was an interesting time to visit too, with the run up to the elections and back home everyone was curious to know how Virginia had voted.

On our final evening we attended a special banquet at the Martha Washington and were able to thank the principle contributors to our wonderful stay. Through your publication I would like to say a huge thank you to all those involved in one way or another with our stay, for all you did for our group to make it so special. Back in my home town I am very often introduced as ‘the lady who arranged the fantastic trip to Virginia’. It’s not quite true. I organized our side of it but it was you, our friends in Abingdon, who made it fantastic. Thank you!

Please come and visit us. Abingdon on Thames in Oxfordshire is rather different. We are situated on the River Thames about fifty miles from London and the land around us is quite flat. The town is full of scientists rather than lawyers and the buildings are of brick and stone rather than wood, some of them dating back 800 years. Oxford, the city of dreaming spires, is on our doorstep. Just 40 minutes away is Sulgrave Manor, George Washington’s ancestral home. There is lots to see and we would love to have you here and show you around. We look forward to seeing you and thank you again.

Stella Carter
Chairman

Abingdon and District Twin Towns Society
Abingdon, Oxfordshire, England

Virginia Chamber of Commerce Recognizes Barter Theatre as Top Outstanding Virginia Company

The Virginia Chamber of Commerce celebrated Virginia's ranking as the best state in the nation for business with a gala on October 29, 2008 that also honored Barter



Theatre of Abingdon, VA.

Barter Theatre was named the Overall State Winner for Small Companies for The Torchbearer Award, an honor that highlights Virginia's world-class corporate citizens, old and new, and underscores our state's unparalleled attractiveness as a business location. Sponsored by the Virginia Chamber of Commerce and Virginia Business Magazine the prestigious Virginia Torchbearer Awards recognizes innovative companies whose outstanding products, services and management practices have propelled Virginia's progress and prosperity in recent years.

Barter is the only non-profit to be nominated or recognized with such an award since the inception of the Torchbearer Awards in 1999. Richard Rose, Barter Theatre's producing artistic director since 1992, accepted the award. "It's a great recognition of all of the hard work by Barter's Board, staff, artists, craftsman, volunteers and patrons to make Barter into the great organization that it is today," said Rose.

With its unique beginnings in the Great Depression, Barter Theatre has a 75-year track record of resiliency and innovation. Under the guidance of Producing Artistic Director Richard Rose,

Barter's annual attendance has grown from 42,000 in 1992 to its current level of more than 160,000 and the annual budget has tripled. Additionally, Barter Theatre is now one of the top ten employers in the Town of Abingdon with 135 full-time employees and an additional 125 seasonal and part-time employees throughout the year. Led by Rose, Barter has also completed significant capital improvements to both theatres, the addition of The Barter Café as well dramatic improvements to Stonewall Square during his tenure.

Barter Theatre has also grown its artistic and educational programming to better serve its community. Barter is now able provide access to the arts for over 40,000 students each year. Without these programs, students in the region would not have access to live professional theatre.

Article Courtesy of Jim Cowart, Economic Development



Main Street News

WHAT'S UP DOWNTOWN?

The roll out of Abingdon Main Street, Inc.'s new logo, *ADVANCE Abingdon*, is underway. Look for it around town to spotlight participating businesses, special events and economic development projects. On December 15-17, 2008, the planning and marketing firm of Arnett-Muldraw Associates of Greenville South Carolina facilitated a three day workshop distilling ideas from over fifty participating constituencies, including Town Hall, Barter Theater, William King Regional Arts Center and Main Street merchants, out of which the new brand was born.



SHOP LOCAL: *Shop Abingdon 1st!*

Put Your Money Where Your House Is! When you shop at a mega-retailer chain store or an online retailer, most of your dollars leave the local economy. You may save a few cents, but the loss to our hometowns results in local unemployment, higher taxes, and reduced services. By supporting locally-owned, independent businesses, communities keep their dollars working for them as they enrich the local economy, increase the diversity of available products, provide better service and improve the quality of life for all of us. Excerpted from www.keplers.com/?sec+shop-local-first

Especially in the current economic climate, it is incredibly important to keep dollars and jobs in our community. Eco-friendly, cloth shopping bags will be available (for just \$6) at the Tourism CVB building, 335 Cummings Street reminding us to *Shop Abingdon 1st!* Save gas, save time, strengthen your community and shop local!

NEW MERCHANT FOCUS: The Shabby Garden Shop

Now that the holidays are behind us and the New Year begun, it is time to take stock and plan for the future. One Abingdon shop owner has done just that. Teresa Hurley, proprietress of the Shabby Garden Shop has moved her business to 226 E. Main Street, between Wines of Distinction and The Tavern. "I love the space because it's like a gallery. It's got great light and lots of atmosphere!" Her product line is "pretty eclectic" offering unique plants and planters, Italian and regional pottery, and mosaic garden accessories as well as handmade gift items and interior decor.

JOIN US!

The role of *ADVANCE Abingdon* is to bring different sectors together to develop projects that will build on what's great about Abingdon and help our historic downtown thrive. *The Main Street Four Point Approach* uses committees who work on:

Design (*how does downtown look?*), Economic Restructuring (*how does downtown function?*), Promotions (*who visits downtown?*), and Organization (*how does AMS grow?*)

ADVANCE Abingdon is a volunteer driven, community based non-profit organization. ***We do it with your help. Become a member NOW.*** Stop by the office at 335 Cummings Street inside the Abingdon Visitors and Convention Bureau or send inquiries to eiskra@abingdon.com.

Articles submitted by Elisabeth Iskra, Director of Abingdon Main Street

Caboose Gets a Lift to Depot Square

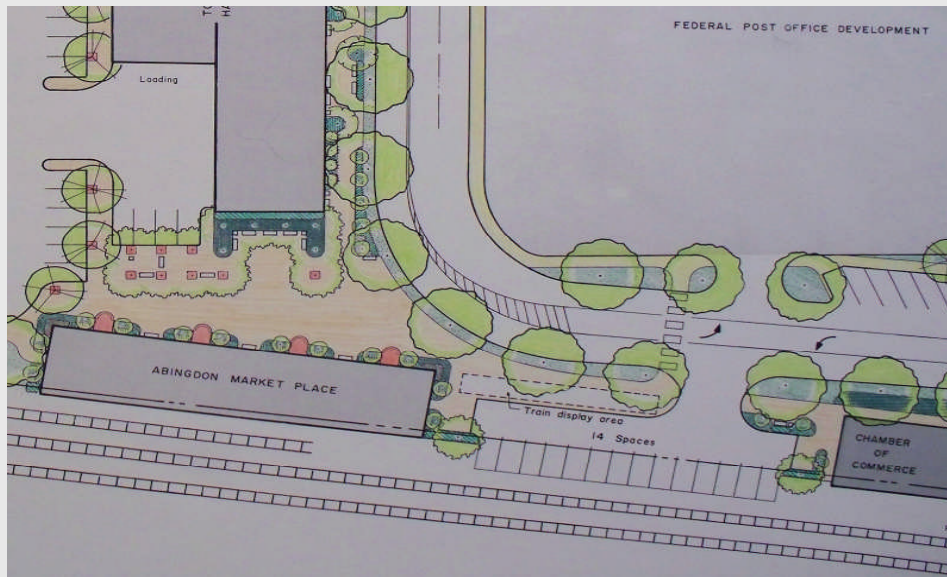


It's usually cause for alarm when a train car leaves the track, but on the morning of November 14th, the Town of Abingdon experienced delight and awe as a 27-1/2 ton caboose was moved from a Norfolk Southern side track to its final resting place on Depot Square.

As part of the Depot Square Pedestrian Safety Renovations project, the caboose now sits on display between the old train station, currently occupied by the Historical Society of Washington County, and the old freight depot, currently serving as the Arts Depot. The caboose was moved through coordination between town staff, Norfolk Southern Corporation, and Cranemasters Incorporated of Richmond, VA. The caboose had been sitting on a spur track near the rail crossing at Preston Street for several months, waiting on construction at Depot Square. When the display area was completed, Norfolk Southern had to set a time period during which the move could take place. Fortunately for the town, that time period coincided with Cranemasters picking up a new crane in Richlands, Virginia. One of the company's specialties is rail work, frequently for derailments, so the town was able to benefit from their expertise and equipment in moving the caboose. The caboose was first moved by Norfolk Southern to the side track at Front Street, just east of Fuller Street. Cranemasters then set up the new crane at that location, lifted the caboose off of the track, and set it on a flat-bed trailer. The trailer and the crane were then driven across the track at Fuller Street, then through Depot Square to the display site. At that location, the final move was made by picking the caboose off of the trailer and setting it on the display tracks. As difficult and potentially risky as the move was, it happened without a single glitch.

Much work remains to be done on the caboose - broken windows must be replaced, the interior must be restored, and the exterior must be repainted – but it will serve as a long-term showpiece to memorialize the history of the Depot Square area.

It's been a long time comin'



This photo of a 1984 TVA Town Lift Redevelopment Plan shows that even 25 years ago, a train display was planned for Depot Square.



Washington County Chamber of Commerce

The Washington County Chamber of Commerce is pleased to announce that Abingdon Town Manager Greg Kelly will be one of the guest speakers for the Chamber's annual dinner to be held on Jan 13th in the Virginia Ballroom on Senior Drive. Kelly's presentation will include recently completed Town projects as well as his vision for the future of Abingdon. When asked about that vision Kelly stated, "The Town of Abingdon has long been a wonderful place to live, work and visit. Since I became Town Manager two years ago, I have found that the real driving force behind the Town's overall success is the "Spirit of the Community". My desire for the future is to continue to build that community spirit and provide sound leadership to insure that Abingdon continues to lead the way among all localities in Southwest Virginia as the best place to live, work and visit."

Since Kelly has been Abingdon's Town Manager the Town has seen the completion of the Farmers Market Pavilion, the purchase and preservation of the Mustering Grounds and the establishment of Abingdon's "BE THERE" concert series. The Taylor's Hill and Depot Square redevelopment projects are scheduled to be completed by the spring and the Town celebrated its 230th birthday with a visit from our sister city, Abingdon, England.

Beginning February 19, 2009 the Washington County Chamber of Commerce will begin hosting "Third Thursday" breakfast meetings in The Virginia Ballroom. The meetings will begin by serving breakfast at 7 a. m. And end by 8:45. "We will have a monthly guest speaker who will provide information and networking opportunities to the business community. Speakers will be professionals in their fields and the information they provide will assist business with the promotion, operations and the general well being of the business community." said Cathy Lowe, Vice President in charge of Community Affairs. "The theme for the Washington County Chamber of Commerce is: What's in line for 09, Keeping Washington County wealthy and wise. Highlands Union Bank and First Bank and Trust stepped up to the plate immediately to help kick off these breakfast events with the initial sponsorships. We have pledges of single breakfast sponsorships also so it looks like we will be successful in our goals for the 09 breakfasts. We will be asking each attendee to fill in a calendar of the community events they are aware of for the coming months. Hopefully this will enable us to publish a monthly calendar of events for all of Washington County." For more information about the Chamber of Commerce contact Suzanne Lay, executive director at 628 -8141.

A modest increase in U.S. broadband adoption would have an annual economic impact of \$134 billion



Connected Nation, a national non-profit 501(c)(3) organization that promotes expansion of access to and use of broadband Internet and related technologies, estimates that a modest 7 percent increase in broadband adoption across the nation would have an annual economic impact of \$134 billion, including \$92 billion in new wages from 2.4 million additional jobs created across the U.S., a \$662 million savings in health-care costs, and a \$6.4 billion savings in vehicle mileage, among other savings - pumping nearly as much money into the U.S. economy as the economic stimulus package recently passed by the U.S. Congress.

For the Commonwealth of Virginia, Connected Nation estimates that this modest increase of access to and use of broadband Internet and related technologies would produce a total economic impact of \$3.8 trillion, including over 63,300 new jobs, with \$16.9 million plus savings in annual average healthcare cost, \$165.8 million plus savings in average annual mileage cost, and over \$955.8 million in average annual hours saved.

The Town of Abingdon has recently submitted grant proposals to the Appalachian Regional Commission and the Tobacco Commission to help us complete the Electronic Village of Abingdon (EVA) Wireless Mesh Project. This project will increase access to high-speed redundant, affordable broadband to local businesses, institutions, visitors and citizens by providing free access to local wireless broadband connectivity via a state-of-the-art broadband wireless network based on mesh topology within the corporate limits of the Town. This infrastructure will support economic development opportunities and improve the quality of life by providing free use of web-based information technologies in order to access distance-learning opportunities and identify markets and consumer groups. It also promotes the adoption of e-commerce methods by existing and new businesses, supports community telemedicine applications, and encourages the use of telecommunications applications for use in education and government.

AND REMEMBER THAT WHEN YOU SUPPORT LOCAL BUSINESSES, YOU ALSO SUPPORT YOUR WAY OF LIFE.

Article Courtesy of Jim Cowart, Economic Development

Heard 'Round Town



The Town held their First Annual Employee Christmas Dinner at the Coomes Recreation Center. Mayor Lois Humphreys and Town Manager, Greg Kelly gave all employees a pat on the back for all the hard work during the past and present years. Attendance was great for the first dinner with 146 employees and guests. The meal was provided by a local caterer. Thanks to the Coomes Center Staff for all the beautiful decorations and set-up. A Special Thanks to Tammy Baldwin, Jennifer Johnson, Myra Cook and Pat Brown for making the dinner possible and something we hope to make a tradition.



The Town of Abingdon has earned an award from the United States Environmental Protection Agency through its Performance and Innovation in the SRF Creating Environmental Success (PISCES) program. It was the only award given in Virginia and one of just 34 nationally.

The award salutes the Town for innovation in the design of the Wolf Creek Water Reclamation Facility upgrade and expansion project.

Threshold nomination criteria consist of leadership and innovation in Clean Water Act compliance and financial integrity.

A representative of EPA Region 3 will present the award to the Town in the spring of 2009.

Wolf Creek Water
Reclamation Facility
(Right)



Abingdon Parks and Recreation
hosts

Love Letters in the Sand

Featuring
The Catalinas

Valentine's Dance
Friday, February 13, 2009
7:30 - 11 pm
Southwest Virginia Higher Education Center
Grand Ballroom

Tickets \$15 per person - 21 yrs and older
Cash Bar / Refreshments Available
**Doors open at 7 pm

For more information call 276-623-5279 or go to www.abingdon.com

Calendar of Events

Jan	5	Council Work Session @ Town Hall	5:30 pm
	5	Council Meeting @ Town Hall	7:30 pm
	7	Board of Architectural Review @ Town Hall	5:00 pm
	13	Board of Zoning Appeals @ Town Hall	6:00 pm
	16	Lee-Jackson Day (Offices Closed)	
	19	Martin Luther King Day (Offices Closed)	
	19	Tree Commission @ Town Hall	7:30 pm
Feb	26	Planning Commission @ Town Hall	7:00 pm
	28	EVA Board @ Johnston Memorial Hospital	12:30 pm
	2	Council Work Session @ Town Hall	5:30 pm
	2	Council Meeting @ Town Hall	7:30 pm
	4	Board of Architectural @ Town Hall	5:00 pm
	10	Board of Zoning Appeals @ Town Hall	6:00 pm
	16	Presidents Day (Offices Closed)	
Mar	16	Tree Commission @ Town Hall	7:30 pm
	23	Planning Commission @ Town Hall	7:00 pm
	25	EVA Board @ Johnston Memorial Hospital	12:30 pm
	2	Council Work Session @ Town Hall	5:30 pm
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	23	Planning Commission @ Town Hall	7:00 pm
	25	EVA Board @ Johnston Memorial Hospital	12:30 pm

(Please visit www.abingdon.com for more information)

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